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SUBJ: IMCO ASSEMBLY: MEPC

1. IMCO ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 23 APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE, BY ADOPTING WITH CHANGE OF COMMITTEE NAME ONLY DRAFT RESOLUTION NEGOTIATED IN COMMITTEE I, AND WENT ON TO APPROVE BUDGET PROVISIONS FOR REQUISITE AUGMENTATION OF SECRETARIATE STAFF AND PLANNING FOR SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. FIRST MEETING MEPC TO BE CONVENED IN MARCH 1974, AND SECOND ENVISAGED FOR NEXT FALL. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS IN ALL INSTANCES, AND FINAL PRODUCT APPEARS TO MEET ALL PRINCIPAL US CONCERNS.

2. MEXICO AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH LOS IMPLICATIONS OF NEW IMCO UNDERTAKING HAD MANAGED IN COMMITTEE I TO CHANGE RECOMMENDED NAME OF NEW COMMITTEE TO "COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS." IN PLENARY, HOWEVER, SWEDEN, UK, NORWAY AND OTHERS SPOKE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF RETAINING ESTABLISHED NAME OF MEPC, AND

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WHEN PRESSED TO VOTE MEPC RETAINED 36(US)-15-6. WHILE

US HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS IN COMMITTEE I TO AC-
COMMODATE TO ALTERNATIVE DESIGNATION TO REMOVE ANY
SUSPICION OF CONCERN SOME FELT, MEXICO POINTED UP
QUESTIONS IN PLENARY IN SUCH A WAY AS CLEARLY TO ISOLATE
A MINORITY VIEW ON NAME QUESTION, AND US JOINED
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THOSE EXPRESSIING SUPPORT FOR
NAME MEPC TO ASSURE THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF CONTINUITY
IN CHARACTER OF UNDERTAKING INITIATED BY US LAST SPRING.

3. QUESTION OF QUORUM FOR NEW COMMITTEE PROVED TO BE
AS AWKWARD TO SETTLE IN COMMITTEE I DISCUSSIONS, AS IT
HAD BEEN IN JULY MEETING OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP, AND
FOR SAME REASONS. IT WAS RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS IN
COMMITTEE I, THEREFORE, THAT IT WAS BEST LEFT THAT NEW
COMMITTEE SHOULD ITSELF BE EMPOWERED TO DETERMINE
APPROPRIATE QUORUM, AND ASSEMBLY APPROVED.
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